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**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
July 22, 2008**

The meeting of the Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections held at the offices of the New York State Board of Elections, 40 Steuben Street, Albany, New York in the 4th Floor Conference Room and was called to order at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner James Walsh. Commissioners present were Douglas Kellner, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Stanley Zalen, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Paul Collins, Elizabeth Hogan, Anna Svizzero, William McCann, Robert Brehm, George Stanton, Patrick Campion, and Greg Fiozzo. The guest list is attached.

At 12:03 PM, upon a motion made by Commissioner Evelyn Aquila and seconded by Commissioner Gregory Peterson, the Board voted to go into Executive Session - **approved 4-0**

At 12:47 PM, the commissioners exited the Executive Session and reconvened in open session – **approved 4-0**

Minutes of June 19, 2008 - Approved as written – Vote was 4-0

Unit Updates:

Executive – Todd Valentine reported that due to the resignation of Allison Carr, the Commissioners needed to fill the Special Counsel’s position. **Commissioners Aquila made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Peterson to appoint Kim Galvin as Special Counsel. Approved 4-0.**

Legal – Paul Collins reported on several subjects including:

- Update on the weekly conference call with the Justice Department. Paul Collins, Bob Warren and a representative from the Department of Justice visited Nassau County to clarify the problems with the Sequoia BMD voting machines. Sequoia will send a technician to Nassau County Board to be there on a permanent basis.

Election Operations – Anna Svizzero reported that the Election Operations unit is working on several issues including:

- The petition filings are well underway. Specifications are being worked on and hearings will be set up.
- Weekly status meetings with NYSTEC and SysTest are ongoing.
- An update was given on the number of machines that have been successfully tested and delivered to the counties. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to policy and procedures with respect to certification testing.
- Commissioner Kellner asked if there were dates set for the public usability testing. A discussion ensued regarding the deadlines for testing and scheduling of these tests.

NVRA/PIO - Bob Brehm reported on several subjects including:

- Bob Brehm introduced a new employee, Patrick Campion, Coordinator of Special Projects.
- The voter education portal will be introduced at the State Fair this year.
- The poll worker training program is still being updated.

Campaign Finance - Elizabeth Hogan reported on several ongoing projects in her unit.

ITU - George Stanton outlined several projects that the unit is working on including:

- The re-verification project for ID's in the voter registration database. Commissioner Kellner asked that George Stanton and the Executive Directors communicate with New York City concerning this.

Old Business:

- HAVA Complaint 08-01, after a discussion the commissioners voted to issue a determination in the case. **The vote was 4-0 in favor of adopting the decision as amended by the four Commissioners.**

New Business:

- Kim Galvin gave a report on the petition objection determinations. **The Commissioners voted 4-0 to move the staff report as drafted.** The list is attached.
- At this time the Board went into Executive Session to discuss enforcement cases.
- The Commissioners returned from Executive Session and there was a motion by Commissioner Kellner and seconded by Commissioner Peterson to accept the staff recommendation to close campaign finance cases #CMP06-03, 06-11, 06-16, 06-24, 06-29, 06-43, 06-56, 06-57, 06-60, 06-62 and 06-70 as written and 06-61, 06-68, 06-83, and 07-01 as amended. **Approved 4-0.**

The next board meeting was scheduled for August 4, 2008 at noon in Albany.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.